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**Statement from House Speaker Steve Crisafulli
Regarding the Education Adequacy Lawsuit Ruling.**

Tallahassee- Florida House Speaker Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island) today released the following statement regarding Judge Reynolds dismissal of all claims made against the state in the Education Adequacy Lawsuit.

"One of the Florida House's top priorities is to ensure every child has the opportunity to receive a quality education. Today's ruling affirms that to be true. Judge Reynolds acknowledges this when he says, 'The weight of the evidence shows that the State has made education a top priority both in terms of implementation of research-based education policies and reforms, as well as education funding.'

"Florida's education policies have resulted in all-time high graduation rates, an overall increase in student achievement, and our low-income and minority students closing the "achievement gap" at a rate faster than the rest of the nation. Today's order ensures our children will continue to receive the high quality education they deserve."

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